

August 2021

To the Good People of Ss. Peter and John,

Well, we find ourselves in the middle of Summer in a part of the world where Summer is a glorious season. We give thanks to God for the gift of seasons!

Some of us are blessed to do a bit of traveling as well. As you know my wife Andrea and I will be in and around the Charleston, SC area for the early part of August. I look forward to some time of rest and recharging. In my absence the (more than) capable, Kathy Corley will be with you good folks. I will continue Morning Prayer online during this time.

I'm also looking forward to our parish worship and picnic on August 15. This is something I've never participated in – but have heard much about. What a great occasion for worship and fellowship.

As we look forward to the fall, I am a bit concerned about the Delta variant of the virus and our sisters and brothers that are not yet vaccinated. I do understand the fatigue that we all have, and have built up over this last year and a half. I pray that those that have been hesitant to get vaccinated will soften their hearts and get the vaccine. It seems the only way to truly get this time of stress and loss behind us. The CDC has once again changed mask mandates and we'll have to wait and see what our Bishop might say regarding this change of status.

I also wanted to let everyone know that I am available during the week for personal office visits by appointment. Please feel free to call me directly at 315-391-3821.

May you and yours enjoy the blessings of the remainder of the Summer.

Grace and Peace,

**John +**

Father John ☩

# ON-LINE WORSHIP

Here is the Zoom information for the Sunday on-line worship service @ 9:00 am.

## **Sundays - 9am Worship Service**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97774056978?pwd=ZytJSVZjWmt3MUdSMkI3U1JaaGNLZz09>

Meeting ID: 982 7706 2680

Passcode: 435902

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

## **Other Zoom Worship Schedule and Numbers**

### **Tuesdays – 10am Bible Study**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94333886777?pwd=WnNKSncyQkkzS1g0Yjc3ZGIVbk1PQT09>

Meeting ID: 943 3388 6777

Passcode: 577455

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

### **Wednesdays – 12pm Worship Service**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95528786615?pwd=Z01DVGdvcG5XeVBIUVRMKzFFVVBjZz09>

Meeting ID: 955 2878 6615

Passcode: 634665

Dial by your location

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### **Thursdays – 10am Coffee and Conversation**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97366952412?pwd=WUtQVFMyWlFKWmRBT1UyTHQ2Rm5Rdz09>

Meeting ID: 973 6695 2412

Passcode: 120228

Dial by your location

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**Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday – Friday**

**MORNING PRAYER – RITE II**

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/john.rohde.16/>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92662278952>

Meeting ID: 926 6227 8952

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 926 6227 8952

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ac4XCk34Dn>

**Vestry Voice**

The July Vestry meeting began with an opening devotional. The June minutes and financials were approved. The Letter of Agreement from the auditing firm recommended by the diocese has been received. Terry Beyor is working with them to firm up a date when they will come and do the audit. Because of a new rector the audit has to be done by an outside firm.

David Ward would like to have a Soup Kitchen committee comprised of people from the soup kitchen, Father John and two vestry members. After discussion it was decided that the committee will be David Ward, Fred Westphal, Nina Wicket, Tim Patty, Rita McNeil, Father John, Denise Whalen and Kay Henry.

The Montessori School has a problem with the soup kitchen operating on Monday and Tuesday in addition to Wednesday and Friday. They are concerned about what the parents will say and contact with the children and the clients of the soup kitchen. David Ward stated that there is no contact as the distribution of food is being done outside. The only people inside are the volunteers and they are in the kitchen. Diane Bauso claims that items have been stolen from downstairs and feels that the soup kitchen clients are responsible. The vestry wanted to know why they weren't informed when this happened, why are we just now hearing about it? When asked if we could guarantee that there will be no contact between the soup kitchen clients and the school, they were not receptive to this. Father John feels that a face-to-face meeting, possibly involving the parents, is needed to help resolve this issue.

Our first collection of sneakers was sent to GotSneakers.com. We will receive an e-check sometime in the next couple of weeks. Elite Fundraising contacted us about doing a fundraiser with them. They contact local businesses and negotiate discounts with them. The discounts are then loaded on a card which we sell for \$20, half we keep and half goes to Elite. The discounts on the card can be used over and over for a year. Denise Whalen contacted local printers about T-shirts, sweatshirts, face masks with the Church logo, water bottles, etc. We would need to decide what we want printed on them and then we can sell them and/or give them to new people. This will be discussed in more detail later.

The Montessori School wants a waiver for the rent during the time of the pandemic. They claim

they asked for this and when they did not hear back from us, they assumed they would not be required to pay rent for that period. They want a waiver from July 2020 to the present. After much discussion a motion was made to charge them per day they were in the building with the students from July 2020 to June 30, 2021. As of July 2021, they will be required to pay the monthly rent.

There are 4 steam water return valves in the church that need to be replaced. The vestry approved this work. The hot water heater in the parish hall has calcified lines that need to be cleaned. This is why the soup kitchen runs out of hot water.

The vestry discussed paying a portion of Vincent Johns-Lee insurance. With his part time job at St. Matthews, he now qualifies for insurance through the diocese. St. Matthew is paying 62.5%, Vincent will pay 20% and we will pay 17.5%. After much discussion, Vestry agreed.

Our picnic in the park will be on August 15<sup>th</sup>. There will not be an 8:00 am service – only the service at the park. There will still be a 9:00 am Zoom service. It was suggested that maybe we could play some games after everyone has eaten.

The vestry has approved a plaque for John McLane. William Abdulah has the wording to go on the plaque and vestry approved the design of the plaque.

The August vestry meeting will be held at Father John's residence. This will be a dish to pass dinner with the vestry meeting before

The meeting closed with a short blessing. Next Vestry meeting August 11, 2021.

### ***FUNDRAISING***



We sent three (3) bags to GotSneakers.com and we will receive a check in July. It will be based on the condition of the sneakers and how many. There was some confusion about what to send and we inadvertently sent some shoes and boots. Our first check was for \$10.75. We have almost a full bag ready to send and this time we are only sending sneakers. This will be an on-going fundraiser so remember as you replace your sneakers, bring the old ones to us.

### ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

Since the Soup Kitchen has gone to 4 days a week, they are in need of volunteers. The Soup Kitchen now operates Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday serving from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office at 315-252-5721.

## PICNIC IN THE PARK



Our Picnic in the Park will be August 15<sup>th</sup>. The service will start at 9:30 am with a meal afterwards. Please bring a dish to pass, your own beverage, and your own table service. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church so we will hopefully not end up with 13 macaroni salads and nothing else. There will be games to play after we eat.

## CLOTHES CLOSET



The Clothes Closet will re-open on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. If you know anyone who is in need of clothes, please let them know about our hours.

## THANK YOU

A thank you goes out to Maria Hartnett for donating a fan for the back of the church. She noticed that the fan that was there was not operating well and went out and bought a new one. Thank you for seeing a need and filling it.

Also, a big thank you to Shirley Quigley for doing the coffee hour each Sunday. She always makes sure there is coffee and hot water for tea along with goodies for the adults and children. Thank you for taking care of this each Sunday.

## A little humor to lighten your day.

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**"I don't know all Ten Commandments.  
The only ones I remember are 'settle down',  
'act your age' and 'take that out of your mouth'."**

### TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS



